

# Lies, Deceit and Nefarious Schemes

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This is Lies, Deceit and Nefarious Schemes. A fantastic journey through the vast and limitless play of Postal Diplomacy\*. Published, edited and sworn at by Jerry Jones 1854 Wagner St. Pasadena, CA 91107 (213) 449-0982. Subscription rates are \$3.50 for 10 issues (\$1.00 extra for Canadian residents.) Game fees are \$2 with a \$2 refundable NMR deposit per game.

There are game openings. LDNS-7 has 1 space available and LDNS-8 has 6. (LDNS-8 will be the last game opening for awhile..)

I need a guest GM to run a Kingmaker game. All game fees will be paid to the GM. Anyone interested?

There will be absolutely no humor in this issue. It is the only way I feel that I can celebrate April Fools day properly.

Diplomacy\* is a registered trademark for a game invented by Allan B. Calhamer and copyrighted by Avalon Hill. Speaking of AH, in a recent issue of the General there is an article on how to magnetize their games. They say the cost for an unmounted gameboard is \$6.00. How come mounted ones are \$2 cheaper?

### WHAT'S HAPPENING:

IDA-NA: The first issue of Diplomacy Review was put out for the year. The Editor did a fine job and I want to thank him for an outstanding issue.

The 1978 Special Project will be a Novice Handbook. The Census should be finished sometime in June. The IDA-NA is also considering writing a handbook on the history of Postal Diplomacy. Also the IDA-NA is attempting to make sure that all orphan games get taken care of ASAP. If you know of an orphan game or can contribute anything to one of these projects please do so. You can send the material to me or better yet you can join the IDA-NA and know exactly whom to be sending the material to. To join send \$2 to Doug Beyerlein 640 College Ave; Menlo Park, CA 94205. Make all checks payable to "IDA".

DIP/CON; Last issue I told you that you would have to change your calendars to reflect the new dates for DipCon. Well you would really have to "change your calendars" because there isn't any June 31st this year. The correct dates are June 30th July 1st and 2nd. The preregistration fee is \$2. Checks should be made payable to Fred Abrams and mailed to CSUN Simulation Games Association, PO Box 163, Northridge, CA 91328. See ya there.

WATERGATE: Those people who subscribe to that zine will be happy to note that by the time you read this you should have had your grubby little hands firmly clenched around Watergate's latest issue. Cliff Mann has had some personal problems and everything should be straightened out. Good news.

CENTURION: Russell Fox has announced that he is closing down Centurion in Sept. of next year and is taking no new subs. Looks like they're dropping like flies. As with Bushwacker, we salute you, Russell, for folding your zine in a fine manner.

PENN-CON: June 23, 24 and 25th are the dates for another convention. This one will be held at Weidner College, Chester, PA. More info as it comes across my desk.

DR: As the publisher of Diplomacy Review I have had two letters returned to me. Does anyone have the corrected addresses for Matt Diller and Norman Weinstock?

I am getting ready to go to press and it has come to my attention of a problem that must be cleared up before we go any farther. How many times have you seen in a zine a space at the bottom of a page that the publisher uses to write in something like "This is the bottom of the page and so on." It is sometimes hard to get the pages to come out just right. Sometimes it's down right impossible

but here we never have that problem. Due to good planning.

for sale:

SPI's STARFORCE in good condition (except rules which have tape on the backing). All there of course in a box. \$4.00 postage paid. Tony Watson 201 Minnesota, Las Vegas, Nev 89107.

Jerry Rogowski is thinning out his game collection and has these titles for sale: Excalibre Games: Ancient Conquest (Mint) \$6. Guidon Games: ATLANTA (mint) \$10. SPI: MARNE (mint) \$5, SEELOWE (mint) \$5, AUSTERLITZ (mint) \$5, EAST IS RED (mint) \$4, NORTH AFRICAN QUAD (mint) \$6, WILDERNESS CAMPAIGN (good) \$4, BREITENFIELD (mint) \$2, SOUTH AFRICA (mint) \$2, COBRA (mint) \$2. Avalon Hill: ORIGINS OF WWII (good) \$4. Ariel (GB): KINGMAKER (mint) \$6. Morningside Project (Rand): VICKSBURG (mint) \$6. Conflict Simulations Inc: KHALKHIN GOL (good) \$4, ZULU (mint) \$3. Will consider trades but prefers outright sales. Gerald Rogowski 22405 Foxcroft Woodhaven, MI 48183 (313) 675-3543.

#### GAME REVIEW

Milton Bradley has long since had one of the finer games on the market. CANDY LAND is a game that can be played by many over and over again with no two games being alike. The board comes on heavy cardstock that will take an endless amt of abuse. The game uses absolutely no dice. Movement is done by selecting chance cards. Each space is scaled to represent one mile and the entire journey to "home" is 135 miles, so it is no short trek. You can take a shortcut through the Gumdrop Mountains or take the Rainbow Trail but be careful, you might get stuck in the Cherry Pitfalls or the Molasses Swamp. Rules are fairly easy to understand and as far as I know the rules remain unchanged since 1955. Let's see SPI make that statement.

While I was doing the research and playtesting of CL I ran across this very interesting opening statement "CANDY LAND" is a game of bright colors and pretty pictures made especially for little folks, many of whom are too young to read. It also includes features which make it an interesting game for older children." What other game that we all play fits that description?

Coming soon: Chutes and Ladders.

#### PERSONAL PROFILE:

Gary Stratton

Born in Kansas City, KA I grew up in California virtually all of my life and graduated with a Bachelors and Teaching Credential in History (Chinese/European) and Political Science from Humbolt State University. This explains why I am the Overseas Manager for an airfreight company in New York. Anyone involved with teachers as intimately as college students realize that that is not the most lucrative business to be in. I spent some time in Taiwan, Rep. of China (which is where I got involved with this airfreight company). It is a pleasant and comfortable place not the least because my wife is from there (and my/our child-to-be). I've done some traveling as is called for in this business, if you call two days in Brussels, two in Paris, one hour in Abu Dhabi, one in Bombay, etc. traveling.

My main interests are game-designing, history, sci-fi, and sitting around, not to mention an occasional poker, Mah-jong, or similar game of chance and instantaneous gratification (or punishment). I'm rather new to postal Diplomacy although I've known about it for quite some time. Most of the things I've designed or played have been alternate reality games (complex games requiring a gamemaster who has no other occupation and is independently wealthy so there is no need for him to be concerned about such petty things as finding money to buy the food or pay the electric bill).

Diplomacy Tip: I don't like to stab I just like to gracefully pare-away at the intended victim. If you want to avoid this don't get me nervous.

Arnold G. Fern

I was born at a very early age in Fern, PA to Pa Fern and Ma Fern. I was an only child and until I was twelve I thought my name was Hey you. It was soon there after that I began playing wargames. Playing solitaire and losing soon deflated my ego so I started looking for new horizons. It was about this time I found Diplomacy. I became an addict. I played morning, noon and night. Playing the game solitaire became a breeze. I was able to tell exactly when I was lying to myself (although once I pulled off the perfect stab of myself. I don't know how I let it happen but it did. I have been stabbing myself so often now that I am finding it hard to trust me.) I did play so face-to-face games though. Once I played in a Nudist Camp so that my opponents would have nothing to hide.

My playing got so bad and continuous that I have committed myself to Diplomacy Anonymous. It has helped me greatly. I no longer have a craving in the middle of the night to attack Trieste. But its really great, the attendants have turned me on to a new game that I am crazy about. Does anyone know of any Candy Land zines?

Back by popular demand....Sub list.

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As you will see in this issue LONS-7 has been filled and has started.  
LONS-8 has four people signed up already: D. Brownell, S. Johnson, T. Watson  
and J. Powers. This will be the last game until one of the others close so  
hurry up. This will be a first come first served basis.

More for Sale: RAPHA, unused, \$3.00. Assorted blank troop counters, still  
on cards, bought from 3rd world companies, \$2 plus postage. Approx.  
10-15 3 1/2 x 1 1/2 sheets.

John Michalski 913 NE Sixth St. Moore, OK 73160

#### Rate Yourself Rating System:

To figure your diplomatic rating follow this formula: Add the number of  
games you've started to the number of games you've been a stand-by in. Divide  
this number by seven. To this number add the number of games you've finished.  
Multiply by the number of the times that you have won or been in on the draw.  
Divide by the average amount of letters you send per game. Multiply by the amt.  
of letters you receive per game. Subtract your age (if under 20 and add your  
age if over 30). Add 50 to your score if you haven't made any math mistakes.  
Erase all numbers above the units column. You now have a single number. Now  
The last step is to divide this no. by itself and sub. 1. Now you know where  
you stand.

1977-KC

Summer '03 Rus F Lvn ret Both

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA GROW AND GROW WHILE OTHERS LOSE AND LOSE. BUT THEY ARE NOT TO BE SCOLDED, THEY TOOK A LITTLE FROM EVERYBODY (NOT REALLY, IT JUST LOOKS THAT WAY.)

Fall 1903

AUS (S. Shields) (6) A Tri-Ven\*; A Tyr\* S A Tri-Ven; F Adr-Ion\*; A Bul\*S RUS A Blk-Con; A Ser\*S A Bul. F Ion-Nap\*

ENG (J. Dichl) (4) F Lon\* S F Wal-Eng; F Wal-Eng\*; A Yor-Wal\*; F Irs-NAO\*.

FRA (J. Caruso) (5) A Bur\*-Mar; A Spa\* S A Bur\*-Mar; A Gas\* & F MAO\* S A Spa; F Bre\* S F MAO.

GER (C. Reges) A Lvn-Mos/a/; A Sil-War\*; A Pru\*S A Sil-War; F Bal\*-Swe; F Swe-Nwy\* A Ruh-Hol\*; A Bel\* S A Ruh-Hol; F StP-Hates Russians (holds).

ITA (D. Mueth) (4) F WMed\*-Spa(sc); F Lyon\* S F WMed\*-Spa; A Mar\*H; A Ven H /d/ ret Tus, Pie, Rom, Apu, or OTB

RUS (C. Eichelberger) (4) F Blk\*-Con; A War-Lvn\*; A Mos\*S A War-Lvn; F Bot\*-Swe.

TUR (J. Machir) (3) A Smy-Arm\*; A Con\*H; F Ank\*S A Con.

\* indicates current location      a indicates annihilated      d indicates dislodged

#### Supply Chart

AUS	Home, Ser, Gro, Bul, VEN, NAP	has 8	build 2
ENG	Home, <del>Wyl</del>	" 3	remove 1
FRA	<del>Wyl</del> , Bre, Par, Por, Spa	" 4	remove 1
GER	Home, Den, Hol, Bel, War, Swe, STE, Nwy	" 10	build 3
ITA	<del>Wyl</del> , Rom, <del>Wyl</del> , Tun, MAR	" 3	remove 1
RUS	<del>Wyl</del> , Mos, Sev, Rum	" 3	remove 1
TUR	Home	" 3	even

Winter '03 and Spring '04 due April 22 noon.

Press:

Pasadena to All Countries: A Special thanx to each and every one of you in this game. No nmr's and I have been able to adjudicate this game well in advance. BRAVO!!!

ROME: Oh me, another stab in the making...what can one do, a country gets a little power and he thinks he can just roll all over anyone. So here comes the Austrians after Italy, and without any notice or Declaration of War. I'm sure that this will bring Austria to the notice of some of his neighbors...for you know how it is, once someone gets the taste of stabbing in his mouth, well... just where will it stop????

SILESIA: The Russian fights well but is doomed to fail.

BRUSSELS: Sorry, Sir James, but you appear to be next.

VIENNA: Word has been received from the Archduke himself that Austria-Hungary would at last retaliate for certain deeds of horror preformed by the Italian army at Tyrolia. With his lips snarled in rage, the Archduke told the gathering "Red is for Austria, but also Italian blood!" When later told that Italians have pasta sause instead of blood, the Archduke replied, "Well, that's red too, isn't it?"

PARIS: The French mainland has been invaded by the treacherous Italians. But little did their insane leader know that Austrian and French leaders are Kissing Cousins.

France to Italy--You may have won the battle, but you will LOSE THE WAR.

France to England--I understand your dismay with me, but you must see by now that your choice to attack me was a mistake. You can gain nothing.

France to Turkey--I must say that I'm sorry about the Chicken of the Sea crack about your Admiral. After all, Charley sent him.

France to Austria--Thanx cousin for the help. You will gain 2 this year and 2 next year. I think you are reaping the rewards of victory.

France to Russia--The French leaders salute the Czar on his persistant attempts to regain the rich farmlands. Your courage is unmatched.

France to Germany--???????

Pasadena to France--The way I figure it you just saved 65¢ in stamps. Where's my cut?

Possible COA: David Mueth didn't say so but the address at the top of his orders is 4718 Tenth Ave. NO. Lake Worth, FL 33463. Could this be the reason he hasn't been getting my 1977-IG postcards? Let me know if this is a change Dave. We have much to talk about. What the heck, I'll save 13¢ too. Dave what can we do to stop this bloodbath? You don't like France much, doyou?

1978-AK  
Fall '01

BOTH RUSSIA AND TURKEY HELP THE AUSTRIAN INTO RUMANIA. YOU CAN'T BEAT A DEAL  
LIKE THAT.

AUS (L. Harmon) F Alb-Gre\*; A Ser-Rum\*; A Tri-Ser\*.  
ENG (D. Hard) A Edi-Nwy\*; F Nth\*C A Edi-Nwy; F Nwg\*S A Edi-Nwg.  
FRA (S. Shields) A Pic-Bel\*; F MAO-Spa(sc)\*; A Mar-Pied\*  
GER (C. Hardisty) F Den-Swe\*; A Sil\*-War; A Ruh-Hol\*.  
ITA (Tomcufcik) A Pied-Ven\*; A Apu-Tun\*; F Ion\* C A Apu-Tun.  
RUS (B. Gallagher) F Bot-Bal\*; A StP-Fin\*; A Ukr\*-War; F Sev\* S AUS A Ser-Rum.  
TUR (D. Hansen) A Arm\*-Sev; A Bul\*S AUS A Ser-Rum; F Ank\*H.

\* indicates unit position.

#### Supply Chart

AUS Home, SER, GRE, RUM	Has 6	build 3
ENG Home, NWY	" 4	build 1
FRA Home, SPA, BEL	" 5	build 2
ITA Home, TUN	" 4	build 1
RUS Home	" 4	even
TUR Home, BUL	" 4	build 1
GER Home, HOL, SWE,	" 5	build 2
Neutral: Den, port		

Winter 1901 due Apr 22 noon.  
Orders on file for 044.

#### Press:

BUDAPEST: Arch Duke Ferdinand, quick to grab any and every opportunity, has ordered the mighty red troops into Rumania. In a public speech today, he explained; "We are merely annexing unoccupied territory. We hope this will not create ill feelings in our Balkan neighbors."

BERLIN: today the German High Command declared war on Russia. Already the High Sea's fleet has sailed for Sweden and the Army is pushing towards Warsaw.

MOSCOW (Sep. 1, '01) After being in power only 1/4 a year, Czar Robertov I is convinced that nobody likes the Ruskies. The Turks send armies to Armenia to invade us, the Germans send us letters saying they would like to see a weakened Russia and the Englishers won't even speak to us. Everyone must be envious because we invented so many things first.

MOSCOW (Sep. 2, '01) The following statement was issued today by Czar Robertov I. "Due to the present unhealthy conditions existing among the neighbors of Mother Russia, it has become necessary to call upon our long time allies and friends for help. I therefore ask the Kingdom of Brugerstein to aone again unleash their paritcular form of havoc upon the enemies of Russia and get us out of this mess. May God have mercy on their souls, or whatever."

BRUGERSTEIN (Sep. 3, '01) Tears were flowing like rain this morning as the 3rd, 5th, and 9th Armies were mobilized to once again bail the dumb Russians out and bring peace to the continent thru bloodshed. During mobilization 6 members of the 1st Cavalry were hospitalized when "Animal" Gorsky got ahead of himself and thought he was in an enemy campsite. The hospitalized men will all receive rabies shots to counteract the numerous bites administered by "Animal".

MOSCOW (Oct. 3, '01) The worlds record for eating raw frog's legs was broken today as Patriska Joneski managed to eat 437 of the slimey appendages in 22 min. to beat the old record by a scant 401. After Patriska's stomach was pumped she was quoted as saying "I thought was eatink halupkies until hit bone on number 268. Then was movink so fast was takink reat of pieces to slow down. Yuch!"

COA: Cliff Hardisty 8203 Bridgewood Ct. Orangevale, Cal 95662

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LDNS-7 has just filled. Players and countries are:

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AUS Stan Johnson PO Box 1501 Blowing Rock, NC 28605  
RUS Leland Harmon 1802 X Ave La Grande, OR 97850  
TUR Carl Eichelberger Box 176 Kouts, Ind 46347

ENG & Russia owe \$4. Spring '01 is due April 22, 1978 noon. I will grant a delay if requested.

Go get 'um.

1977-HW

"The West Coast Game"

Fall '01

CAN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA BE STOPPED? GERMANY TASTES CHANGE FROM CREPES TO PASTA.

AUS (T. Sherwood) 3 A Gal-Vie\*; A Tri\* S GER A Mun-Tyr; A Rum-Ser\*; F Alb-Adr\*  
A Sev\*S GER A Mos; A Ser-Alb\*; F Gre\*S A Bul; A Bul\*S F Gre.

ENG (D. Fugihara) 4 F Lvp-Irs\*; F Eng\*-Bre; A Pic\*S F Eng-Bre; F Lon\*-Eng.

FRA (Brownell) 5 A Mar-Pied\*; A Gas\*S F Bre; A Par\*S A Bur; A Bur\*H: F Bre\*H.

ITA (D. Ditter) 5 A Ven\*-Tri; F Ion\* S TUR F Smy-Aeg/nso/; F Nap\*S F Ion;  
A Syr-Arm\*.

GER (C. Spiekerman) 10 A Bel\*S ENG A Pic; A Mun-Tyr\*; A Kie-Mun\*; A Ruh\* S A Kie-Mun  
A Hol\*S A Bel; A Mos\*H; A War\*H; F Bal\*-Both; F Both\*-Bal.

TUR (D. Hard) 2 F Con-Aeg\*; F Smy\*S F Con-Aeg.

\* indicates current position nso indicates non-specific order.

Supply Chart

AUS Home, Scr, Rum., Sev, Bul	has 3	even
ENG Home, Nwy	" 4	even
FRA Home, Por, Spa	" 5	even
GER Home, Hol, Den, Bel, Swe, War, Mos, StP	Has 10	Build 1
ITA Home, Tun, <del>Syr</del>	has 4	even
TUR Con, Ank, SMY	" 3	build 1

Winter '04/Spring '05 due Apr 22, noon.

Press:

Italy-Eng: I've been sitting over here in the Med. watching you beat your head  
against the French wall, stop playing the fool. We must all unite to stop  
Aus-Ger from winning the game.

Italy-Turkey: Not once this entire game have you written me! Does a person  
named David Hard exist, or is he just a figment of Austria's imagination?

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1977-IA

Spring 1904

THE BLUES ARE GIVING GERMANY THE BLUES. ITALY IS SEEING RFD AND TURKEY IS  
SHOWING THAT HE ISN'T YELLOW.

AUS (Tomcufcik) 6 A Rom\*-Nap; F Adr-Apu\*; A Vie-Tri\*; A Bud\*S A Vie-Tri;  
A Ser-Alb\*; F Gre\*S A Ser-Alb.

ENG (R. Bermingham) 6 F Ska-Swe\*; A Nwy\*S F Ska-Swe; F Nwg-Bar\*; F Lon-Nth\*  
A Edi\*H; F Hol-Kiel\*.

FRA (J. Morris) 6 F Eng\*S F Lon-Nth; F Bre-MAO\*; A Bur-Mar\*; F WMed-Lyon\*;  
A Mun\* & A Ber\* S ENG F Hol-Kiel.

GER (J. Diehl) 2 F Bal-Both\*; F Den-Bal\*

ITA (Rogowski) 4 F Nap\*-Rom; F Ion-Tun\*; A Mar-Pied\*; A Alb-Ser/annih/.

RUS (~~Poppe~~-Mueth) 3 A War\*-Mos; A Gal-Boh\*; F Fin-StP(sc)\*

TUR (Reges) 5 F EMed-Ion\*; F Aeg S F EMed-Ion; A Smy-Ven/imp/ A Sev\*-Mos;  
A Rum\*S AUS A Bud-Gal/nso/.

Fall '04 due Sat Apr 22, noon.

Press:

(no dateline)--The intelligence service of the Italian General Staff reports that  
certain key indicators\* demonstrate hostile intent by certain of our neighbors  
toward Italy. \*They have invaded our territory.

MOSCOW: Now listen you guys, how about giving me, the newcomer, a chance? Lets  
talk all of this over!

SEVASTOPOL: The Turks wish to announce that the grass and opium were great and  
that a detachment is being sent to Moscow in an effort to secure more of it.

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1977-IS "The Publisher's Game" Winter '03 (Separation of Seasons)

AUS (J. Bumpas) 7 Builds F Tri. Has F Bul(sc) A War, Rum, Ser, Boh, Tyr.

ENG (D. Eunko) 5 Builds F Lon Has F Nwg, Nth, Den A Nwy.

FRA (D. Agosta) 6 Builds A Par Has F Tun, WMed, Lyon A Bur, Mar.

GER (B. Hartwig) 5 Removes F Swe Has F Hol A Hol, Ruh, Mun, Sil.

ITA (A. Cook) 4 Removes F Nap Has F Tyrr, Ion, Aeg A Pied.

RUS (D. Ditter) 4 Builds F Sev Has F Swe A Fin, StP

TUR (B. Beardsley) 3 even Has F Blk, Con A Arm.

Spring '04 orders on file for RUS & AUS

Spring '04 orders due Apr 22, noon.

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1977-KX  
Fall '02.

AUS (D. Hard) 5 F Adr-Ion\*; F Gre\*S F Adr-Ion; A Ser\*S RUS ARum-Bul/nso/  
A Tri\* S A Ser; A Vie\*S A Tri.  
ENG (L. Harmon) 4 F Eng-MAO\*; F Nwy-Swe\*; A Yor-Nwy\*; F Nth\*C A Yor-Nwy.  
FRA (C. REGES) 5 A Pic\*-Bel; A Bur-Ruhr/d/ (unit ordered to ret to Mar.)  
F Spa(sc)\*-Lies to Krauts for 3rd Time (holds); A Gas-Bre\*; A Par\*-Pic.  
GER (K. Peterson) A Ruhr-Bur\*; A Mun\*S A Ruhr-Bur; F Bel\*H; A Hol\*S F Bel;  
A Den\*S ENG F Nwy-Swe.  
ITA (J. Diehl) 4 F Nap-Tyrr\*; A Boh-Sil\*; A Tyr-Boh\*; F Iom\*S AUS F Gre/nso/  
F Ion dislodged, ret to Alb,EMed,Aeg,Nap,Apu,Tun, or OTB.  
RUS (G. Stratton) 5 A Rum-Bud\*; A Ukr-Rum\*; F Sev\*S A Ukr-Rum; A Mos-StP\*;  
F Swe-Nwy/d/ ret to Fin,Both,Bal,Ska, or OTB.  
TUR (Long) NMR Phantom moves: F Aeg\*H; F Blk\*H; A Con\*S A Bul; A Bul\*H.

Will Andy Tomcufcik Jr (48 Dearborn Dr. Old Tappen, NJ 07675) please submit orders for TUR.

#### Supply Chart

AUS	Vie, Tri, <del>Yad</del> , Ser, Gre	has 4	remove 1
ENG	Home, Nwy, SWE	" 5	build 1
FRA	Home, Por, Spa	" 5	even
ITA	Home, Tun	" 4	even
RUS	Home, <del>Swe</del> , RUM, BUD	" 6	build 1
TUR	Home, Bul, <del>Kym</del>	" 4	remove 1
GER	Home, Bel, Den, HOL	" 6	build 1

Winter '02/Spring '03 due Apr 22nd, noon.

Press:

PARIS: Please clean out the weinerschnitzel from our new residence in Belgium.

MADRID: Weather good but fleet gathering barnacles. Fleet will be cleaned over the winter, though. Any one like to rent this fleet? Cheap, enemies of Germany welcome. (Is it a Diehl?)

From a Secret French Base inside Munich: Weather good, we speak Italian! Need company. Send friends.

BREST: The Notorious German spy, Fritz Fritsch was captured here today.

Showing typical kraut ignorance, he was caught while grabbing passers-by and demanding, "In place mit'n are like dis, why can I not find der strip choints?"

He was found to be rabid and was destroyed soon after his capture.

ROME: Dear Czar, Italy chose option C.

VENICE: Will tired Austrian feet be cooled in our lovely canals? If so, with the canal's pollution we hope they get athlete's foot!

LONDON TO PARIS: Please pardon our Southern movement. We still hope to continue our sight-seeing cruise to the Americas, but the Irish have sworn to shoot on sight (They manage to scare us a little more than do the French). No offense intended, of course.

LONDON TO MOSCOW: Please understand. The choice to attack Sweden was an extremely difficult one, made doubly so since I can't have StP too. Greed is a terrible thing!

LONDON: I would personally like to commend Jerry H. Jones on the wonderful quality of his research. Indeed, England, the mighty blue nation, is loyal to her enemies!

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA: Yeah, Team!

(Crimea/Jan. 18) Adding further to the confusion in the Empire sources at the Summer Palace report that Prince Michael is hold-up there and has also been aspiring to the crown. As you may remember the Tzar was last reported as being seriously ill and little was heard about him for sometime thereafter, that is to say little was heard from him, which is not quite the same thing you know. Rumors have been flying that a plot cooked up by the Grand Duke and Prince Alexander, with some assistance from Prince Nicholas forced the Tzar's abdication. A period of military disorganization and political confusion followed thereafter.

The Tzar was last reported in Moscow, the schemers in St. Petersburg, and Prince cum Tzar Michael in the Summer Palace. Normally in such times the foreign representatives would be trekking about the country trying their eager best to impress whomever might be later officially "in charge". However, that was not the case. Most of the foreign officials were in their apartments "otherwise engaged." The general apathy was highlighted by the response to Prince/Tzar Michael's invitation to attend the court at the Summer Palace and avoid the rather unpleasant weather of the North. The only person to arrive the Military attache for the Sublime Porte, dropped in not, as it turned out, to see the Prince/Tzar, but to relieve himself while on his journey to join the Embassy in St.Petersburg.

(Crimea/Feb 2) The Council of State has arrived in Sevastopol to meet with Tzar-apparent Michael. Sources close to the palace report that the military has decided to back Michael fully and a date is being set for the coronation, the poor Tzar having passed-on. God Save the Tzar.

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(St. Petersburg/Feb 27) The coronation ceremony was the usual flashy but boring scene with everyone standing around trying to look pompous and important. Servants were trying to look servile. Attendants attempted to look attentive. Officials attempted to look official, sporting their best suits and plumpest bellies. Royalty attempted to look royal by pretending it was all just a small get-together in comparison with their own parties.

The procession was cheerful and colorful. The paid crowd leaders cheered and lead shouts of long-life to the Emperor, rushing up and pushing against the lines of Royal Guards at the appropriate moments to give it all just the right favor. Remarkably the procession was free of assassinations and bombs, which had caused some disappointment among the waiting crowd which had come to see something exciting and had come too late to get in on the "favors" handed out for cheering.

(St. Petersburg/Apr 14) The War Ministry announced today that an attempt by English gunboats to shell and invade Archangel (North of St. Pete) had been repulsed by the First Army normally billeted around Moscow. The War Minister reported that the Tzar was not pleased with the "friendship" shown by the British who had reportedly offered to consider joining an alliance with the Tzar against the Kaiser as soon as the Germans had made some progress against the French. The Tzar had previously informed the War Minister that the GER and The English governments were to be considered non-belligerent. The War Minister further reported that the Foreign Ministry was awaiting some word from the German government as to their complicity in this matter.

(Warsaw/May 3) Amid the diplomatic confusion following the statement by the War Ministry that the English Ambassador had offered an alliance against the Germans the Foreign Minister has agreed to release the entire contents of the message to the German Ambassador if the German Ambassador has an interest in it. The message is reported to be quite revealing, but that may be confirmed after the German Ambassador has a chance to review it before its publication.

(Sevastopol/Black Sea Command) (May 7) It was reported today that the military action taken against the Ottoman troops in Rumania was not properly ordered by the Privy Council. The General who issued the orders committed suicide after leaving a note stating that the responsibility was his entirely after having heard that the Foreign Ministry had not received any reply to the urgent message given the Ottoman Ambassador. Further investigation is being made into this incident.

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(Korbach) Rumor has it that England and Germany are...

"Robert, you feed Morris right away and stop playing with those stupid colored blocks!! It'll make you go blind!"

"Yes, Mother."

(Due to circumstances totally at our cat's control--Korbach press is interrupted at a crucial point; maybe you'll all find out next time).

That's enough of this. There was just a lot of press this issue. Well good for you. Time (and space) is running short, see you in three weeks.

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